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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: JOSEPH E. THOMPSON ET AL.

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For: GELLED HYDROCARBON COMPOSITIONS AND  
METHODS FOR USE THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

**I. AMENDMENT; and**  
**II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2004**

This paper is submitted in response to the office action dated February 3, 2004, for which the three-month date for response is May 3, 2004.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$344.00 for the addition of four independent claims. No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Response, however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from O'Keefe, Egan & Peterman's Deposit Account No. 10-1205/BJSC:286.

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